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Randolph Arson Injured Three

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Randolph Fire Chief Charles D. Foley Jr. said their joint investigation into last night's fire at 27-29 Reed Street in Randolph has determined the fire was intentionally set. The fire critically injured a man. A woman and child were less seriously injured in the fire as well.

The fire was jointly investigated by the Randolph Fire Department, the Randolph Police Department, State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal and State Police assigned to the Norfolk District Attorney's Office.

While the investigation is continuing, investigators believe this fire may have been another case of domestic violence.

Coan said, "In 2007, there were three fatal fires that caused six deaths that were acts of domestic violence. There were many other fires that had less fatal consequences where fire was the domestic violence weapon of choice."

Chief Foley said, "This fire is a tragedy for the family and for the community as well."